

CLAIMS:

1. A record carrier (1) having a first area (3) for storing a first kind of information and further having multiple second areas (4.1, ..., 4.8) each designed for comprising a coupling element to a device for reading and/or writing the record carrier (1), the distribution of the coupling elements on the record carrier (1) encoding a third
5 kind of information.
2. A record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the distribution of the coupling elements on the record carrier (1) encodes
- a regional code indicating a geographical region the record carrier (1) is
10 valid for, and/or
 - which standards the record carrier (1) complies to, and/or
 - the orientation in which the record carrier (1) has been inserted into a device for reading and/or writing the record carrier (1).
- 15 3. A record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the second areas (4.1, ..., 4.8) is designed for detaching and/or attaching a coupling element to it.
4. A record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least
20 one of the second areas (4.1, ..., 4.8) is designed for comprising a storage medium for storing a second kind of information, the coupling element of the second area (4.1, ..., 4.8) serving for coupling the storage medium to a device for reading and/or writing the record carrier (1).

5. A record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the second area (4.1, ..., 4.8) is designed for comprising a chip integrating the storage medium and the coupling element of that second area (4.1, ..., 4.8).

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6. A coupling element being designed for being attached to a second area (4.1, ..., 4.8) of a record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1.

7. A carrier device, in particular a plastic film, with a coupling element as claimed in claim 6.

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8. A device for reading and/or writing a record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is designed for sensing the distribution of the coupling elements on the record carrier (1).

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9. A device for reading and/or writing as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the device is designed for accessing the first area (3) and sensing the distribution of the coupling elements on the record carrier (1) in parallel.

10. A device for reading and/or writing as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the device is designed for decoding the third kind of information being encoded in the distribution of the coupling elements on the record carrier (1).

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11. A system for handling information, in particular for supporting access control to information, the system comprising a device as claimed in claim 8 and a record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1 carrying the information.

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12. A method for handling, in particular for reading and/or writing, a record carrier (1) as claimed in claim 1, with the steps:
- sensing and decoding the third kind of information, and
 - 5 - handling the record carrier (1) in dependence on the third kind of information, in particular, reading and/or writing all or part of the first kind of information in dependence on the third kind of information.